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1967U

"Spring 1905"

ITALIAN ARMY ENTERS LONDON

ENGLAND (Maloney): F Liv holds; F Cly S RUS-
SIAN F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea.

GERMANY (M. Miller): F North Sea-Den; F Bel-
North Sea; A Par-Bre; A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Sil;
A/Bur-Mun; A Tyr-Boh; A Edi holds.

ITALY (Clark): A Bre-Lon; F Eng C A Bre-Lon;
F Spa(a.c.)-Mid; A Mar-Spa; A Ven-Tyr; F
Rom-Tyr; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Vie S A Tri; A
Tri S A Vie; F Ion-Tun.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): F North Atlantic-Norwegian
Sea; F Ska-Den; A Norway-Swe; F St.P(n.c.)-
Norway; A Boh-Sil; A Rum-Ukr; A Bud S AUS-
TRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri; F Sev holds.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Smy-Arm; F Bla S A Smy-
Arm; A Bul-Rum; A Ser S A Bul-Rum; F Aeg-
Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible.. The
deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SA-
TURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1967. Since John Beshara
is on vacation, Tom Griffin will submit the
next Turkish moves.

VIENNA: And my problems get smaller
when I answer my mail. You bet.

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Moving men are getting rich off Diploma-
cy players. Please note the following new
addresses:

Charles & Christine Brannan, Apt. 2, 2324

N. W. Johnson St., Portland, Ore. 97270.

Michael R. Childers, Buckner Hall, San Mar-
cos, Texas 78666.

Margaret Gemignani, 87 Windemere Road, Ro-
chester, N. Y. 14610 (back home again).

Harold Naus, 681 "I" St. Sp. B-11, Chula
Vista, Calif. 92010.

Larry Peery, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego,
Calif. 92115 - effective in December.

Rod Walker, 1611 Lowry Dr., Rantoul, Ill.
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1967V

"Fall 1904"

GERMANY BUCKLES UNDER ANGLO-FRENCH ATTACK

ENGLAND (Lebling): F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F
North Atlantic S F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F
Hel-Kie; F Hol S F Hel-Kie.

FRANCE (Prosnitz): A Bel-Ruh; A Bur S A Bel-
Ruh; A Mar-Pie; F North Sea-Den; F Wes-
Tun; F Tyr S ITALIAN A Rom-Tus.

GERMANY (M. Thomson): No moves received. A
Norway, A Swe, F Den, A War, & A Mun hold.
F Norwegian Sea, F Kie, & A Ruh dislodged
and annihilated.

ITALY (Griffin): A Rom-Tus; F Adr-Ven; F
Apu-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Rum-Ser;
A Bud-Vie; A Tri-Ven; F Alb-Tri; A Tus-
Rom; A Pie S A Tri-Ven.

TURKEY (S. Heap): A Mos & F Bla hold; F Ion-
Apu; F Gre-Ion; F Aeg & F Eas S F Gre-Ion;
A Bul-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The
Austro-Hungarian army in Tuacany is dis-
lodged and annihilated. The High Combatant
Powers now control the following supply
centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon. (5)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (7)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Mun, Nor, St.P, Swe,
War. (7)

ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven,
Vie. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Moa, Sev, Smy. (7)

England, France, Germany, and Austria-
Hungary may each build one new unit, and
Italy must remove one. The deadline for these
"Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18 NO-
VEMBER 1967.

Mark Johnson should send in stand-by
moves for Germany.

STOCKHOLM, OCCUPIED SCANDINAVIA (March
3, 1904. Reuters): And here I am, holed up in
a little shack in the outskirts of Stockholm,

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"Fall-Winter 1919"

THE REIGN IN SPAIN CAN NEITHER GAIN NOR WANE

ENGLAND (Koning): F Mid S FRENCH F Spa(s.c.); A Mar S FRENCH F Spa(s.c.); F Bre, F Eng, & F Iri S F Mid; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; F Den-North Sea; A Ukr holds; A War & A Mos S A Ukr; A Sil & A Ruh S A Mun; A Ber S A Sil; A Gas & A Bur S A Mar; A Mun S SWISS A Imp-Tyr.

FRANCE (Linden): F Spa(s.c.) S TURKISH A Pie-Mar.

TURKEY (Kuch): A Rum-Ukr; A Sov & A Gal S A Rum-Ukr; F Bla-Rum; A Arm S A Sov; A Bul holds; A Ser-Tri ((sic; this army is in Trieste already)); A Bud & A Boh S A Gal; A Tyr S A Boh; A Pie-Mar; F Tus-Pie; F Lyo S A Pie-Mar; F North Africa-Mid; F was & F Por S FRENCH F Spa(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bro, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kio, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nor, Par, St.P, Swo, War. (17)
FRANCE: Spa. (1)
TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Por, Rom, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Tun, Smy, Ven, Vie. (16)

England builds an army in London. The deadline for "Spring 1920" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1967. If all three players send in a willingness to accept a draw before that date, the game will be pronounced a draw.

LONDON (DWE): Having enlisted the aid of the redoubtable Swiss (Impassible) Regiment, the Anglo-German-Austrian Alliance promised that interference in the Great War would soon be forthcoming from the dreaded C. S. Hammond, creator of the world. Rumors that Hammond would create a passage from Moscow to Smyrna were denied, but PM Koning did hint that Hammond would "change the face of the war, if not the world".

CONSTANTINOPELE: I don't mind England's doublecrossing his faithful ally; what I do mind is England's assumption that I'd do the same thing!

HYUNDERABAD: No change was reported in the world's second longest war, which has swept up and down this tiny Indian state for eight years. Maharajah Kamasutra IX today announced for the 374th time the "complete, final, absolute, and utterly crushing defeat of the subversive forces of the Peristaltic Movement, and their sinister leader Pandit the Bandit, aided by the international anarchist conspirator Spiros Preposterous." From his headquarters in the Tigerskill Mountains Pandit the Bandit announced to 37 American reporters that "the mercenaries of the odious Maharajah have been utterly wiped out, and the road is clear to the gem-studded palace from which he, with the aid of the foreign adviser Spiros Preposterous, has been grinding the faces of the people of Hyunderabad."

Although the capital city has exchanged hands eight times in the past year, total casualties have been 19. Of these, according to reports from the contending sides, 28 have been Spiros Preposterous.

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a wanted criminal. What for? Well, for illegal entry into the German Empire, murder, kidnapping, misuse of passport privileges, thievery, and several other things I forget at the moment. All are true but the murder part: He was a German soldier who tried to run me down in a staff car, so I had to shoot him. That's another one: illegal possession of firearms. Anyway, I finally found the Swedish underground, a rather motley group by any standards - mostly peasants and upper class. There is a leavening of Marxists, who make up for their lack of numbers by the loudness of their voices, and a couple of Russians who fled when St. Petersburg was burned.

I think the worst thing about the course of this war is what it has done to the Russians. I have not seen one who was not wearing a haunted look on his face. The rumors that come from Occupied Russia, yes, both the German and Turkish zones, are simply

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1966AA

"Spring 1913"

SEVASTOPOLITAN FLEET GETS WET!

ENGLAND (Dygart): F North Atlantic-Mid; F Wal-Lon ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Edin-burgh Castle-Elsinore Castle ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Ruh-Ber ((sic; no such unit exists)); F North Sea-Swe ((sic; no such unit exists)); F Iri not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (Latimer): F Wal S F Liv; F Eng-Mid; F North Sea-Norwegian Sea; F Edi S F North Sea-Norwegian Sea; A Spa-Por; A Mar-Spa; F Liv, A Bre, A Norway, A Ruh, A Nap, A Mos, A Ber, & A Apu hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): A Gal-War; A Ser-Bul; A Rum & F Aeg S A Ser-Bul; A Con-Smy; F Eas S A Con-Smy; F Gre-Ion; F Tri-Adr; A Mun & A Rom hold; A Ven S A Rom.

RUSSIA (Turner): F Sev-Fla.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): F Bla-Con; A Ank S F Bla-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible, particularly if Dygart made them. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1967. The submission of provisional builds and removals with these moves would be appreciated.

ROME (13 April 1913): In a scathing Bull of denunciation and Ceremony of Renunciation, Her Holiness Joan II today stripped Jose Peericelli of his Cardinal's hat and excommunicated him from the Roman Catholic Church. (The former Cardinal thus joins his master, the anti-Pope Uriah "IV" in utter anathema.) Among other things, Her Holiness condemned Peericelli's recognition of "Pope" Uriah (formerly Uriah Cardinal Heap) and his total lack of disrespect for "Our dear friend, and loyal supporter of the True Church, Karl Turneff." Her holiness declared that if "that vermin, Prettychilly, or whatever his name is, ever puts foot in Our domain, Off With His Head!!"

NEW YORK (30 April 1913): At a gigantic cocktail party and reception in the sumptuous Orthanc-Hilton Hotel, publisher Mutinus Nightstand announced the major items of his spring list, and introduced the authors. Prominent in the reception line was the cadaverous, aristocratic Baron Exham, former British Ambassador to Sevastopol and author of the sensational Exham Priory Cookbook. Also present was George Lincoln Dygart, author of Dygart's New Dictionary of Conservative English, a book which is expected to revolutionize the writing of political tracts. Mr. Nightstand told the press that 50,000 copies of Dygart's work have already been purchased by the John Booth Society.

However, the chief opus presented at this glittering literary event was the second volume of the memoirs of Princess Svetoza, who claims to be the eldest illegitimate daughter of the Empress Luorezia. The quondam Princess, who came to America 5 years ago under the alias of "Mrs. Halleluia", was working as a stevedore until her disappearance in January, allegedly due to the machinations of her cousin Vlad Borgia, Military Governor of New York.

Mr. Nightstand once more asserted that the Princess's memoirs are her own work. He refused to comment on rumors that he had reached an agreement with the Pulp Hacks United for Creativity concerning the writing of these memoirs. However, it is understood that within the past two weeks the total indebtedness of the Pulp Hacks United for Creativity dropped from \$84,500 to \$1.39. Members were celebrating at the reception, but confirmation could not be obtained from them, as they were too drunk to talk. Every so often Mr. Nightstand sent a fresh jeroboam of champagne to their table.

Suddenly a roar of astonishment rose in the vast crowd, as the great double doors swung open, and in walked Princess Svetoza herself! Towering above everyone else in the room, the Princess was escorted by Mr. Nightstand, Cardinal Midszekton, and Dr. Pithecanthrovisch.

"How did you get out of the concrete that the Governor sealed you in?" asked a reporter from a scurrilous Brooklyn tabloid.

"I just stretched a little, and it broke all to pieces," the Princess replied. "You don't think duh Guvverner will get mad at me, do yuh? When I got out, I was in some kinda subway tunnel. I just walked around a little, and I come out on duh downtown

and platform at Columbus Circle."

The Princess went on to re-assert her claim that she is indeed the daughter of the infamous Bordscha Empress, and promised further disclosures on the scandalous immorality of her mother's court. Since Volume II only carries the story forward to the Princess's fifth birthday, there has been some question as to how accurate this account is.

SALONA (1 May 1913): On the opening day of the Spring Fertility Festival and Grand Greenery Orgy, Her Imperial Highness, Lukrezia Bordscha, Empress of Balkania and of Byzantium, Paramount Ruler of the East, and Co-Regent of Europo, held court for Her loyal subjects in the capital of Balkania. Mr. Ralph Groop, reporter for the I. S. C., described the event for the American audience. His report read, in part, "the beautiful, young, golden-haired monarch is ever astonishing in the delicate loveliness of Her features. The Empress appeared with Her Brother, Caesar Bordscha, Prince of Transylvania, Megaskyr of All Hellas, and Duke of Nikia (Nicoa), and Her cousin germaine, the Countess Hagnelda Pilsudski, Empress of Sevastopol and Consort of His Imperial Majesty, Androi IV of Sevastopol. It is astounding to note how much these two beautiful women look alike: both blond, both looking not a day under 20 (though both are older), both radiant and glowing with good health, both glorying in the splendor of youth. I have to cut my report short about this time, because I have a 10:15 appointment for a private audience with Her Majesty and have to take my regular dose of Bourne-Vita."

SANKT-LUDWIG (formerly St. Louis) (12 May 1913): Count Marco Bordscha, Commander-in-Chief of the Joint Austro-German Expeditionary Forces in America, today announced from his headquarters that President Wilson has signed the unconditional surrender of the United States in his last-ditch capital on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation. It is therefore presumed that the Tripartite Treaty dividing North America can now go into effect, whereby Japan receives all west of the Rockies, Balkania all east and north of the Mason-Dixon Line, and Germany all east and south of the Line plus Mexico.

CAPETOWN: The famous American lawyer, Clarence Darrow, has arrived here to conduct the defense of the Bayleov Squadron in the High International Piracy Tribunal. No explanation of the charges has been made and everybody is still wondering who owns Capetown. At present the city is chartered in Liberia, which is no help. When questioned about his city's present owners, Mayor Hendrijk van Rijn said, "Ve ehust dun't know. Ve got orders to intern der Bayleyev Skvadrun und kip der Bordschabiazin oudt von dis platz. Und also arrrrrrest dot shtupid J. B. Bleedingheard if he shows up hier."

SEVASTOPOL: Official Statement: Congratulations to Germany on impending victory! Die, Turkey! Die!! DIE!!!!

SEVASTOPOL: Foreign Minister J. J. Dygertevsky emerged from the stupor which the progress of the current European war had left him in long enough to reply to Turkey's recent remark that Balkania poses a threat to world peace. "Hmph!" retorted Dygertevsky. "If they pose such a threat, how does the Sultan explain Grand Sevastopol's continued existence? It is Turkey rather than Balkania which has for 12 years kept the entire Balkans engulfed in war. Just watch, everyone, when Turkey is gone, there will be no further war in Eastern Europe! 'Threat to peace' indeed! May the Sultan rest in peace!" The Foreign Minister also gleefully noted the lack of activity in Ankara shipyards and wryly commented that "something must have happened to foul up their building program - perhaps it was something that happened in Constantinople..."

SEVASTOPOL: Grand Admiral Bayleov of the Grand Sevastopolitan Grand Fleet today vowed that Europe would yet see the day when Sevastopol shall wrest control of the Black Sea from the infidel Turks. The Admiral's parting remark for Sultan ibn ben-Thoussa was a loud "Nyyyyaaaaa!"

SEVASTOPOL: First Minister of Truth, Propaganda, and Censorship Carl Turnoff today denied any connection between Jose Cardinal Peericelli of St. Peorigrad and Lorenzo Cardinal Peericelli, who is currently engaged in the Grand Sevastopolitan Diplomacy Tournament, playing England. "Actually," explained Turnoff, "there is very little similarity between the two gentlemen except for their names. Jose Cardinal Peericelli comes from St. Peerigrad, California (formerly San Diego) and is an old man. He is a master of debate and is learned in scholasticism. Furthermore, he is a member of that sect of Snoopy-worshippers headed by "Pope" Uriah IV. Lorenzo Cardinal Peericelli of Sevastopol, and late of Salona and Rome, is young and handsome; a real ladies' man. Furthermore, he is not at all anti-Jewish like his namesake. And certainly his lack of theological training and his utter incapacity when it comes to logic make it impossible to

confuse the two. The one sure way to distinguish the two is this: Jose Cardinal Peiricelli never minces words, and when he does speak, he speaks well. Lorenzo, on the other hand, suffers from fits of perpetual vocal diarrhea."

SEVASTOPOL: The Tsar today dispatched General "Rozhd" Walkoff to Salona to discuss the partition of Anatolia. Walkoff is also expected to initiate discussions about partition of the eastern seaboard of North America, specifically about the future government of that hotbed of sedition, Brooklyn. It is felt here that Empress Hagnelda may wish to assert Balkanian claims to Brooklyn, since that is where her aged and dying auntie Lucrezia is currently languishing. Walkoff is expected to communicate Sevastopol's willingness to cede all Sevastopolitan claims to the area in exchange for rights to Southern California. Walkoff is considered by diplomats here to be the ideal envoy to Salona, since his physical condition renders him immune to the advances of Empress Hagnelda. It is not that Walkoff isn't a normal male; it's just that he's too busy eating...

SEVASTOPOL: Admiral Bobarick Wardshev was today dispatched with the Bayleov Squadron to proceed immediately to St. Peerigrad, Calif. There will not be trouble forcing the straits this voyage, of course, since the Straits are now open to vessels of all nations except the hated Turks and the incompetent English.

BROOKLYN: Radio Station WANG, owned by a scurrilous Brooklyn tabloid, today announced the latest rating of the Top Five song hits:

1. "I've Got You Under My Skin", Empress Lucrezia and the He-Men.
2. "Bye Bye Blackman", James Injust and the Councilors.
3. "Lucrezia in the Sky with Zircons", Svetsoxa and the Longshoremen.
4. "Make War Not Love", The Three Tacticians.
5. "Ballad for Billy Goering", Clark Gansel and the Haters.

PEMBROKE, WALES: Infante Prince James III to Kaiser Wormwood: "So that is why you failed to lay out Balkania (Great Slobovia) flat when you had the chance - you preferred to lay the Empress - or was it L. B. that laid you?"

CAPTOWN (a British Crown Colony): Governor-General Smuts today declared that Brooklynese rumour to the effect that the Bayleov Squadron had been interned were "ludicrous!" "But how silly! What would be British want with those Russian lice? Collaborators with Balkania indeed. Humph - To think we could stoop so low to notice them. Why bother with them? One bow-chaser would blast them out of the water! By jove!"

ALEXANDRIA, MOUTH OF THE NILE, BRITISH EGYPT: Pant! Snort! Nyaaaaa Balkanian fleet Eastern Med! The only things those creaky old hulks could defeat are Sultan-Chicken-Thompeon's Syrian tugboats. Why not try Port Said's batteries? Huuh?

BRITISH HELGOLAND: This tiny British Island Fortrees continues to breathe defiance against Kaiser Wormtongue's Bath tub fleet. The naval building program at Kiel has even broken down! Incompetence! Incompetence! I say, perhaps a Spartacist strike. What say? Fie on you Tirpitz! Fie on you!

FORT VICTORIA, BRITISH ONTARIO: Rumour have it that Sir Harley Davidson is leading his International Motorcycle Volunteers into Balkanian-claimed Brooklyn. Large numbers of volunteers have been coming from the University of Ottawa, or wherever Derek goes. Sir Harley's rallying cry to the troops - "For the Royal Roast bring back big Julie's carcass on a spit!"

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unspeakable. The conquerors are taking out several thousand years of national and race hatred, and all of Russia suffers.

Here in Sweden there is no official news but that of the Imperial German News Agency. According to them Holland has not been captured, the French Civil war rages on, and Townsend has committed suicide. The spreading of "rumors", as the truth is labeled, is a capital offense, but interestingly enough, this shack is a newspaper office...Very portable, very efficient, and very annoying to the authorities. I do not know where I will go from here, as my original "itinerary" called for a stop in Russia. Sven (an alias, actually) says he knows a man who can take me to Königsberg, in Germany itself! I'm tempted. What is life like for the conqueror? What has happened in the home of Kultur? Is the Obermensch a reality? There have been hints of what Germany is like in what I have seen of the military in Sweden and Norway, and I am intrigued. - Robert Kirkbrite.

ALBANY (I. E.): The plague (Malaria gallopavo) is about to sweep over Europe.
 ALEXANDRIA (I. E.): The latest of the controversial "Dead Sea Scrolls" has provided scholars with a refutation of the idea of Jesus's virgin birth by Mary. The passage in question contains references to the "omnipotent god".
 DUBLIN: Movie actress Gracila Undress is here in the divorce mill of Europe to seek a divorce from oil tycoon Ian Derrick. She charged mental cruelty. And although Derrick has been asking for an X-ray to determine whether such charges could be possible, most sources feel that the testimony of Dr. Horace Trote in regard to some psychological experiments run on Miss Undress on grants by the tycoon will be sufficient.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLON - XI

The cultural movement known as the "Renaissance" had its origin in Beaucouillon in 1499. The beginning of the era can be pinpointed on May 7 of that year, on the seventh day of a festival in celebration of the 80th birthday of the Grand Duke Cosimo VII. The Grand Duke, emulated by his entire court, had been making a public display of the vigor of his golden years, assisted by various noblewomen and dancing girls. Finding that he was unable to rise to the challenge posed to him by the Duchess of Pizzina, he cried out, "We is me! I am an old man! My middle age is past. I hereby proclaim this the end of the Middle Ages!"

Just then a traveling Italian mountebank, Chico d'Avino, entered the banquet hall. He proclaimed that he could cure the Grand Duke's debility with the aid of a decoction brewed from certain herbs he had stolen from the private cabinet of Cardinal Borgia. His courtiers warned the Grand Duke of poison, but he replied that "if this ailment is indeed incurable, we would rather die". He then took a deep draught of d'Avino's potion.

"Behold, Your Highness!" the Italian shouted, printing, "A renaissance!"
 "So it is!" the Grand Duke roared. "Let this be proclaimed the Renaissance Era!"
 He then bestowed his Grand Ducal favor upon the Duchess and her four sisters, pausing only after the third to create his benefactor Count Avino, a distinction which his descendants hold to this day.

A curious incident occurred during the wind-up of the festival, ten days later. A wandering Genoese, whose name nobody caught, asked the Grand Duke for a hand-out so he could travel to Asia. The Grand Duke laughed and handed him a bottle of an odd-tasting potato which had been left under the roulette table by a wandering Scotsman. "I know what you really want is a drink," he told the derelict. "Try this; it'll get you to Asia even if you head west!" The Genoese wandered off on the road to Spain, muttering to himself, but the Grand Duke was so enthused by his own joke that he laughed himself to death.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

DR. TERRY KUCH, Apt. 204, 1910 13th St. North, Arlington, Va. 22201: "...the game will be declared a draw among the surviving players". This is not realistic ((in 1965Q)) as England and I could wipe out our respective client-states easily. Who ever heard of a draw where the score was 16-16-1-1? Anyway, I think a draw should be up to the players - if they agree to one, fine, as in 1965L. If they do not agree to draw, the game should go on. Of course the Gamesmaster may levy an extra charge for his extra expenses, if the game goes on too long.

DAVE LEBLING, Box 2234, Burton House, 420 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02139: That "three-year" rule you propose ((on draws, in GRAUSTARK #140)) might not be a bad idea, although I think you would have to be lenient about it that in the face of "proof" that a center will change hands, you would extend the deadline.

WILLIAM LEE LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: It looks like the problem of Diplomacy stalemates can only be solved by eclecticism. If 1965Q is declared a draw "between the surviving powers" in Fall 1919, then Kim Pattee and I, with one force each, will be even with Koning and Kuch, with 16 each. Oh well, it's going to drive the ratings people batty no matter how you slice it.

1967U - PRESS RELEASES

FREEDONIA: A new President took office today in this tiny central European state, beset with economic difficulties within and a tense international confrontation with neighboring Sylvania. The new President of this virtually bankrupt nation is Rufus T. Firefly, a man of obscure origin, who thus becomes the latest in a series of strong men called in to deal with Freedonia's manifold difficulties.

President Firefly's first official act was a wholesale reconstruction of the Freedonian Cabinet. The new heads of Freedonia's ministries are:

Land Development: Julius Hammer

Public Entertainment: Gordon Miller

African Affairs: Jeffrey T. Spaulding

Justice: J. Cheever Loophole

Education: Quincey Adams Wagstaff

Commerce: Wolf J. Flywheel

Immigration: Otis B. Driftwood

Counter-Espionage: Ronald Kornblow

Health: Hugo Z. Hackenbush

Internal Security: Sam Grunion

The new President proposed Draconian legislation to curb public immorality, but did not mention specific plans for financial retrenchment, aside from cutting his chauffeur's salary. Turning to foreign affairs, he vowed to ferret out and expose unnamed Sylvania agents who have infiltrated into high places in the Freedonian government. In this resolve, President Firefly was firmly supported by Secretary of War Chicolini.

ROME: "Politicians do not use words to disclose their positions or to clarify a disagreement. They use words to gain their own ends. In this realm scholars, dependent on words, simply get befuddled." - C. N. Parkinson (?).

GENEVA: Mayor Maynot, in his typical nebulous style, today mumbled something about French atrocities to English. He said that the French should be given a tongue-lashing (a brace with three nylon cords). "Too long have they been speaking with a forked tongue."

FALKLAND ISLANDS: A curious sort of dirigible balloon passed over these South Atlantic islands today at a low altitude (13½ feet). When hailed, the commander of the aircraft replied in bad French that he was taking the remnants of the French army to find sanctuary in a new land. When last sighted this aircraft, believed to be captained by the French guerilla leader Noah of Arc, was headed southward in the direction of Antarctica.

ST. PETERSBURG: H. I. M. regrets the introduction of ergot derivatives into the Kaiser's diet.

MURMANSK: Warehouse space is in short supply here due to an unexpected accumulation of tropical uniforms which will not be issued to either the First or Second Murmansk Fleets until the latest emergency is disposed of.

WITH THE NIGHT MAIL

Recently the Gamesmaster conducted a survey on the relative effectiveness of surface and air mail, by mailing one letter by each method to ten GRAUSTARK readers in the Midwest and West. Two readers from each state were chosen, to serve as a check. The letters were mailed from Brooklyn at 6 PM on Monday 16 October, since GRAUSTARK usually goes into the mail in the evening.

Two of the ten addressees were away from home at the time, and did not receive the letters until several days later. But each of the other eight received both letters, surface and air, on Wednesday 18 October. With one exception, their replies took two days to get back to Brooklyn by surface mail. These eight readers are:

Hugh Anderson, Lansing, Mich.

John Koning, Evanston, Ill.

Sidney Cochrane, Tyler, Texas

Harry Manogg, Kankakee, Ill.

Stephen Hieston, Zenith, Wash.

Hal Naue, Ohula Vista, Calif.

Bob Kinney, Tacoma, Wash.

Larry Peory, San Diego, Calif.

Since there appears to be no gain in time with air mail to any point in the coterminous United States, GRAUSTARK will no longer be sent by air mail to such addresses. It will continue to go by air mail to addresses outside of the "old 48" and Canada, including APO addresses.

GRAUSTARK thanks the readers who participated in this survey.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The Gamesmaster wishes to publicly thank Philip Orbanee Jr., Chairman of Games-science Corporation, for the complimentary copy of the war game Confrontation. This game will be reviewed in due course in the pages of GRAUSTARK. With Confrontation are two variations: Milopoliks and Chief of State, which according to Mr. Orbanee "are designed to specifically appeal to Diplomacy circles." Reviews of these are also forthcoming. Confrontation, even without these variants, seems to be a tremendously complicated game, and would-be players should expect to spend a little time in mastering it.

Correction to the roster of 1967AA, published in GRAUSTARK #135: Russia is played by Douglas Beyerlein and Douglas Baker.

Hal Naus asks how the following moves would be adjudicated: ITALY: A Ven-Tri; F Alb & F Adr S A Ven-Tri; AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven. Since the Italian army in Venice is moving into Trieste with two supports, it dislodges the Austro-Hungarian army there. However, since that army was attacked from the province into which it was giving support, that support remains valid. Thus, the Austro-Hungarian army in Tyrolia has one support into Venice, while the Italian army in Apulia has no support into that province. Therefore A Tyr-Ven succeeds.

Terry Kuch's new phone number is 703-JA 5-2169.

John Beshara is now off on a cruise to various odd corners of the Atlantic Ocean; this issue of GRAUSTARK will probably reach him in Sierra Leone. During his absence Tom Griffin will play Turkey in 1967U. Hope you're enjoying yourself, John.

"To my detractors: 'In truth methinks the ladies doth protest too much.'" - John Beshara.

"In 1937 producer Walter Futter filmed 'Dark Sands' with an American cast, in a desert setting 65 miles from Cairo. He needed reinforced sets as protection against the windstorms. He used 600 camels and countless natives to bring and sink the pilings.

"Futter finished the film, left the sets in the desert and thought he'd heard the last of it - until he listened to a British general describe the great tank battle between Rommel's Nazi legions and Field Marshal Montgomery's corps. In planning the trap for Rommel, the general said, Montgomery didn't have to sink gun emplacements, because pilings were there.

"These pilings, left over from Futter's movie, gave Montgomery the time he needed for the entrapment of Rommel. This week is the 25th anniversary of that historic battle. 'I remember that movie set very well,' said Futter. 'A place called El Alamein...'" - Leonard Lyons, New York Post, 21 October 1967. Avalon-Hill fans please copy.

"The hills and rivers of the lowland country
You have made your battle ground.
How do you suppose the people who live there
Will procure firewood and hay?
Do not let me hear you talking together

About titles and promotions;
For a single general's reputation
Is made out of ten thousand corpses."

- Ts'ao Sung, 879 A. D.

This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

Just when we had given up hope in the last GRAUSTARK, back comes the International Enquirer with its 5th issue of "All the news that causes fits". IE is now edited by Cliff Ollila, Apt. 6, 911 21st Street East, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404, and is still 10 issues for \$1.00. Other Diplomacy bulletins may be illustrated, but IE is the only one which carries comic strips - particularly, the adventures of Dr. Barnacle and his faithful ptuddy pkat Ptomkin as they fight the sinister machinations of the Banana Fiends,

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especially William Goodfellow and the whistling Rapiet. There are also poems and other contributions from Harry Manogg and Chuck Carey, and - when space can be found - the moves of postal Diplomacy games.

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To reply to John McCallum's question, Steve Gordon's article in #141 was indeed written as an academic exercise. He got an A- for it. Steve's brother Maury is in my Science 1 lecture this semester.

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The results of the presidential poll have been printed in LEFTOVERS #1; if you voted, you will have received them by now. If you didn't, and want to find out, please send a stamped, self-addressed legal length envelope.

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Ken Davidson and his brand-new wife are settled down at Rødovrevej 202-2mf, Rødovre, Denmark. That "ø" is the same vowel that is spelled "ö" in German and Swedish, and "eu" in French and Dutch.

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John McCallum writes that Dan Alderson is still publishing 'zines on Diplomacy variants. I'll believe it when I see it. The same goes for Michael Childers' Hostigos and (unless #44 shows up before the beginning of December) Jack Chalker's Barad-Dur.

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Who's been referring to the people of Asia as "yellow dwarves"? James Eastland? The New York Daily News? George Lincoln Dygert? You guessed wrong - it was Lyndon Baines Johnson, on the floor of the House of Representatives, on 15 March 1948.

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Have we got back issues? Have we ever! They're 10¢ each, continuous from #101, and irregularly back all the way to #44.

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According to a report by Charles Nicodemus in the New York Poet of 2 September, a game has been devised in Washington which is based on the presumed conditions of the 1968 presidential election. There are 12 big guns from each party, whose cards can be played for the nomination. The cards bear caricatures; Dirksen croons into a microphone, Reagan is made up to play Romeo, and the sole item of Robert Kennedy's costume is a lollipop. The game apparently takes even longer than Diplomacy; one aide said, "I'm afraid the '68 election may be over before we finish the first game."

Any further information which readers could contribute about this game will be gratefully appreciated.

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The Diplomacy tournament which was held at the Marshall Chess Club on 20 & 27 August was won by Robin Spital, who scored 10 supply centers with Russia the first week, and 10 more with Turkey on the second. Runner-up was Tom Griffin with a total of 15 points, 3 scored as England and 12 scored a week later as France. They were followed by Peter Sepulveda with 11, Andrew Soltis with 8, and Bruce Pandolfini and Steve Gordon with 5 each. The tournament was planned by Allan B. Calhamer and directed by Peter Sepulveda.

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Allan Calhamer, inventor of Diplomacy, reports the death of Prof. Sidney B. Fay at the age of 91. Prof. Fay, through his book The Origins of the world war and his Harvard lectures, was a major influence towards Calhamer's invention of the game. "Prof. Fay paid unusual attention to the role of the individual decision maker and his contacts with his counterparts in the diplomatic world. The whole interlock of meshing and conflicting intentions, accidents, blunders, etc., was carefully explored. His work appeared from the retrospect of 1951 as something of an antidote to more nearly deterministic approaches that had become prominent later," Calhamer writes.

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Subscriptions to GRAUSTARK are 10 issues for \$1.00. If the game in which you are playing comes to an end, you will be informed whether you have any further issues coming to you as the result of a subscription which you bought before the game began. And, as with all paid subscribers, the number of the issue with which your subscription expires appears on the upper right corner of the address label.

Bob Ward has clarified, for the benefit of postal Diplomacy librarians, the numbering system of his 'zine Marsovia. Two issues came out numbers "7" - one on 15 July 1966 with the "Spring 1902" moves of 1966N, and the other around the end of September 1966 with the "Fall 1902" moves. This latter issue should have been numbered "8". A 9th issue, no copy of which is in my files, contained the "Winter 1902" moves. The "Spring 1903" moves went out in #10 on 15 December 1966, by carbon copy. The "Spring 1904" moves came out in #13 on 1 March 1967, so presumably "Fall 1903" and "Winter 1903" moves had come out in normal order in #11 and #12 respectively. A second #13 came out on 29 March, with "Fall 1904" moves.

An unnumbered "Special Issue", presumably #15, was next, with revisions of the "Fall 1904" adjudications. The 16th and 17th issues followed in order. So matters stand now.

Amidst various historical matters, Chris Wagner reports that at the time of the Russo-Japanese War the Russian navy possessed a 3828-ton cruiser called the Svetlana. It had been launched at Le Havre in 1896, and had a maximum speed of 20.2 knots. He has no information on its fate; presumably it is at the bottom of the Tsushima Straits.

The current issue of John McCallum's excellent Brobdignag contains a complete list of currently published postal Diplomacy bulletins. The list includes their addressee, enrollment fees, and subscription rates. Write to McCallum at "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta and ask for #72 - or, better, subscribe for 10 issues for \$1.00.

Now 'zines in this list are Douglass Boyerlein's Ergiart (3934 S. W. Southern, Seattle, Wash. 98116, game fee \$2) and an as yet unnamed publication from Monte J. Zolany, Box 1062, Melbourne, Fla. 32901, 10 issues for \$1. In addition, Conrad von Metzke is reviving Costaguana from 5327 Hilltop Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92117. The game entry fee is \$3, and registrants should list countries in order of preference.

Copies of SO YOU WANT TO BE A FAN?, a guide to the beginner in science-fiction fandom, are still available. Send a stamped, self-addressed legal length envelope. There are also precisely two copies left of SCIENCE MADE TOO EASY, a humorous view of the sciences, at 15¢ each. Finally, if you did not get a copy of PILLYCOCK #25 with your copy of LEFTOVERS #1, write and ask for one - several have come back in the mail from people who left no forwarding addressee.

Secret Agent O-O-Hate is alive and well in a special hospital room in a Swift & Co. slaughterhouse. He was buried under a heap of press releases about a month ago, and is rapidly recuperating, aided by the refreshing sounds and scents which waft in from the rest of the building. He should be back on duty in the pages of GRAUSTARK in from 2 to 4 weeks.

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to be politically anti-patriotic." -
H. G. Wells (1866-1945)